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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/729,937

Applicant(s)

SHIBAMIYA ET AL.

Examiner

Jason K. Lin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to application No. 10/729,937 filed on 12/17/2007. **Claims 1-18** have been cancelled and **Claims 19-24** are pending and have been examined.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to **Claims 19-24** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 19-24** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue (US 2001/0011373).

Consider **claims 19 and 22**, Inoue teaches an electronic program guide generating apparatus and method (1-Fig.1; Paragraph 0008, 0016) comprising:
an information acquisition unit configured to acquire program information associated with each of a plurality of programs to be broadcast (Paragraph 0061, 0063, 0074 teaches a receiving apparatus for receiving TV program information, as well as information to be used for displaying the EPG, also referred to as SI

(service information). Fig.3 and Paragraph 0086 teaches program information associated with a plurality of programs to be broadcast);

a controlling unit (1-Fig.1) configured to generate a plurality of electronic program guide images in matrix format with time and channel according to acquired program information, wherein each program is placed on an area in the matrix format based on its broadcasting time and channel (Fig.3; Paragraph 0008, 0016, 0081, and wherein a plurality of electronic program guide images comprise a first electronic program guide image which does not display program information corresponding to programs of less than or equal to a predetermined duration (Paragraph 0085 teaches "a short time program (such as a weather forecast, a news or the like) for 3 to 5 minutes may be too short to display the character or text indicating the title of the TV program in the EPG display"), and a second electronic program guide image which displays program information corresponding to programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration (Paragraph 0085 teaches that when the user selects the short program cell, the content of the short program cell is shown in the summary information field); and

a selecting unit configured to select an electronic program guide image to display from the first electronic program guide image and the second electronic program guide image based on input from a user (Paragraph 0085 teaches "when the user selects such a short program cell". *The information for the short program cell is only shown when it is selected, based on input from the user.*

Paragraph 0090-0091 teaches user movement/selection with the remote controller 12-Fig.5).

Consider **claims 20 and 23**, Inoue teaches wherein said controlling unit generates the first electronic program guide image which displays the area corresponding to programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration as blank space (Paragraph 0085).

Consider **claims 21 and 24**, Inoue teaches further comprising:

an operating unit (Fig.1, Fig.5) configured to accept selection of a program placed on a given area in a displayed electronic program guide image from the user (Paragraph 0090-0091),

wherein said controlling unit controls movement of a cursor, which indicates the currently selected program, among programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration when the second electronic program guide image is selected by the selecting unit (Paragraph 0085, 0090-0091).

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason K. Lin whose telephone number is (571)270-1446. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9:00AM-6:00PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian T. Pendleton can be reached on (571)272-7527. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

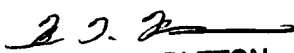
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